

REMARKS

Claims 1-46 were present in the application. Claim 46 has been canceled. No claims have been added or amended. Thus claims 1-45 remain subject to continued examination. Each of these claims is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an action to that effect is requested at this time.

STATEMENT OF COMMON OWNERSHIP:

The below-signed attorney of record attests that U.S. Patent Application 09/920,152, which forms the basis for the U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0074075 to Brown et al., and the present application were commonly owned by Milliken & Company at the time of invention of the present application and continue to be commonly owned.

ART REJECTIONS:

At paragraph 2 of the Office Action claims 1-7, 13-17 and 23-45 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent Application 2002/0074075 to Brown et al. At paragraph 3 of the Office Action claims 8-12 and 18-22 were likewise rejected as being obvious over Brown et al. No other rejection has been applied against these claims. Claim 46 has been canceled.

It appears to Applicants that Brown et al. is only available as prior art (if at all) under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). Accordingly, the common ownership of the Brown et al. application and the subject matter of the present invention at the time of invention precludes any rejection under 35

U.S.C. 103. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the outstanding rejection of claims 1-45 is overcome and that all claims stand in condition for allowance.

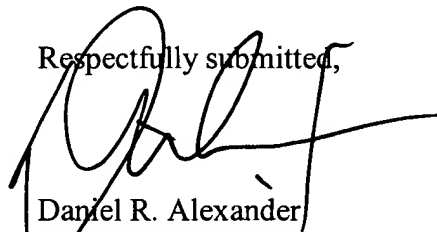
CONCLUSION:

Due to the absence of any grounds for continued rejection, Applicants respectfully request that all remaining claims be passed to issue. While an attempt has been made to address all outstanding issues, to any extent that one or more issues remain, the undersigned respectfully requests a telephone conference to resolve such issues.

To any extent required for acceptance of this paper, a request for an extension of time is hereby made and authorization is provided to charge any fee required for acceptance of this paper to Deposit Account 04-0500.

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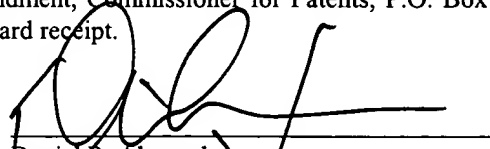
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